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30.	Gujarat Aluminium & Bauxite Ltd.	Raytheon Engineers & Construction Inc., USA	22%	Rs.162.80 crores	Manufacture of Alumina, Aluminium Compounds, Met.coke, Power, etc.
31.	Pro Am Exploration (I) Pvt. Ltd., Chennai	Proam Exploration Corporation, Canada	100%	Rs.5 lakhs	Natural Mineral Resources and Oil.
32.	Ashapura Minechem Ltd., Mumbai	Volclay International, U.S.A.	50%	Rs.5 crores	Manufacture and marketing of value added Bentonite Products.
33.	Jey Jeth Granite Products Ltd., Madras (Location of site Ambalpur, Karimnagar Distt., Andhra Pradesh)	Sunmin Marble Co. Ltd. Taiwan	41.66%	Rs.1 crore	Mining of dimensional blocks, trading of granite and marble blocks and export semi-finished and finished items of the above.
Total				Rs.2312.31 crores	

[English]

Wireless Local Loop System

*200. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL:
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether field trial of wireless in local loop system has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(d) the name of the cities where it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir. The field trial of the CDMA and CT-2 Wireless Local Loop System has not been completed.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) About six months.

(d) The proposal for providing Wireless in Local Loop is not yet finalised.

Posts Lying Vacant in AIR/Doordarshan

1980. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether 730 posts in programme cadre of All India Radio and Doordarshan are lying vacant at present;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) since when these posts are lying vacant; and

(d) the steps taken to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The posts have been vacant due to non-availability of eligible officers, the time taken by the recruiting agencies and at times due to litigation concerning promotion, etc.

(c) The vacancies occur from time to time and this is a continuous process on account of retirement on superannuation, resignation, deputation, etc.

(d) The steps include seeking relaxation in the eligibility criteria, impressing upon the recruiting agencies for early recommendation, etc.

Gauge Conversion

1981. SHRI T. GOVINDAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating immediate steps on the request of the Government of Kerala to complete the work of conversion of Kollam-Shenkota metre gauge line into broad gauge as the progress is very slow although the work was started long ago; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) The work has been included in the Budget 97-98 and would be taken up after the necessary clearances have been obtained.